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June 8, 2021

BY ECF

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Velez*, 19 Cr. 862 (Deeshuntee Stevens)

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write on behalf of my client, Deeshuntee Stevens, to respectfully request permission for Mr. Stevens to travel from Rochester, NY, to New York City on June 9, to meet with counsel on June 9 and to attend his change-of-plea hearing before your Honor on June 10. If granted permission, Mr. Stevens would travel to and from New York by bus and/or plane, leaving Rochester on June 9, and leaving New York City on the night of June 10. Mr. Stevens would spend the night of June 9 at a hotel in Manhattan.

The Office of Pretrial Services consents to this request; we have just recently informed the U.S. Attorney's Office of this request and have not yet received a response.

As the Court is also aware, on August 21, 2020, your Honor ordered Mr. Stevens released on bail, with the consent of the government, on conditions including: (1) a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond, signed by Mr. Stevens and

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co-signed by three financially responsible persons; (2) home detention with electronic monitoring, except to attend work, to seek employment (with agreement of the Office of Pretrial Services as to the specifics), and for medical visits and legal visits, at the Rochester, New York home of Jesseivett Orta, a close family friend serving as third-party custodian; and (3) travel restricted to the state of New York. Mr. Stevens is charged in the above-referenced matter with conspiracy to distribute heroin, fentanyl and other narcotics, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846, and possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 2.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jocelyn E. Strauber

cc: Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam S. Hobson
Assistant U.S. Attorney Elinor L. Tarlow
U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jonathan Lettieri
U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jeremy Bedette

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.



Date: June 8, 2021

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE